

Department of Public Health
and Human Services

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Section:

ABLE BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT
DEPENDENTS

Subject:

Geographic Waiver

Supersedes: FS 802-1 (04/01/07)

References: 7 CFR 273.7, 7 CFR 273.24, FS Act section 6 (D)(2)

GENERAL RULE - On the request of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), the Secretary of Agriculture may waive the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) provision for any group of individuals. The Secretary determines if the area meets established labor market criteria to be eligible for the waiver.

It will be the responsibility of DPHHS to annually evaluate the status of each county and reservation to determine areas that do not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment to non-exempt individuals. DPHHS will use this information to annually request ABAWD waivers. The areas to be waived from the provision will vary from year to year.

►WAIVED COUNTIES

The following counties have been granted waiver of the ABAWD provision October 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008.

Big Horn	Glacier	Golden Valley	Lake
Liberty	Lincoln	Mineral	Musselshell
Petroleum	Pondera	Powder River	Prairie
Roosevelt	Rosebud	Sanders	Treasure
Wibaux			

Note: Counties that lost the ABAWD Waiver effective October 1, 2007 are Deer Lodge, Fallon, Powell and Toole. Counties that gained an ABAWD Waiver effective October 1, 2007 are Pondera and Powder River. Counties that had the waiver renewed are Big Horn, Glacier, Golden Valley, Lake, Liberty, Lincoln, Mineral, Musselshell, Petroleum, Prairie, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sanders, Treasure and Wibaux. The remaining counties were not waived in the previous waiver year and continue to be unwaived.

RESERVATIONS

Individuals residing on the following Indian Reservations have been granted a waiver of the ABAWD provision October 1, 2007 through July 31, 2008 **with the exception of that portion of the Flathead Reservation that is in Missoula County and that portion of Crow Agency that is in Yellowstone County.**

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**Blackfeet Agency
Flathead Agency
Fort Peck Agency
Rocky Boy's Agency**

**Crow Agency
Fort Belknap Agency
Northern Cheyenne Agency**

CASE NOTES

All counties must enter a case note when any adult in a food stamp household is an ABAWD and if an ABAWD time-clock exemption is applicable. The case note will be titled 'ABAWD'.

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